

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)

Section 63.71 Application of)

Level 3 Telecom)

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934, as)
amended, to Grandfather the Provision of)
Converged Voice Service)

WC Docket No. _____

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

CenturyLink¹ hereby applies for authorization pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, to grandfather its Converged Voice Services currently offered in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. CenturyLink ultimately plans to discontinue these services but is not seeking authority to do so at this time.

CenturyLink provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

1. Name and Address of the Carrier

Level 3 Telecom
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Monroe, LA 71203



¹ The Level 3 Telecom entities listed on Appendix A are competitive local exchange carrier and interexchange carrier subsidiaries of Lumen Technologies, Inc. (f/k/a CenturyLink, Inc.) (FRN: 0018-6268-53). This application is filed on behalf of, and is limited to, Level 3 Telecom.

Voice + VPN + Secure Internet Access: The Customer designates the number of voice channels to be configured as described above. The remaining available bandwidth, including excess bandwidth available when all voice services are not in use, will be dynamically allocated for VPN access service and Secure Internet Access (SIA) firewall service.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the grandfathering of the service bundles described herein. Current customers of those service bundles will not be losing those services. No other products or services are impacted by this application.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

CenturyLink notified customers of the plan to grandfather Converged Voice Services in a letter sent via U.S. Mail on December 17, 2021. Those customers were notified that the proposed grandfathering would take effect on February 15, 2022, or as soon after that date as authorized by the relevant regulatory commissions. A copy of the customer notification is appended hereto. (See Attachment A.)

6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-dominant with Respect to the Service to be Grandfathered

CenturyLink is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be grandfathered.

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Billing Account Number: [REDACTED]

Important Notice Regarding the Planned Grandfathering of Certain Voice and Data Services Provided by Level 3 Telecom, a Lumen Company

Dear [REDACTED],

At Level 3 Telecom, a Lumen Company, our goal is to provide you with great quality and value while remaining competitive. Changing market conditions require that we continually evaluate our prices, product offerings, and infrastructure, and occasionally our evaluation results in changes.

As of February 15, 2022, or as soon after that date as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission, Level 3 Telecom is grandfathering its Converged Voice Service bundles which are currently offered in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Converged Service bundles described below will no longer be available to new customers.

Converged Voice Services are flexible bandwidth bundled services consisting of local exchange service with selected features, a Long Distance and/or Toll-Free usage allowance, and the option of adding Internet Access and/or Virtual Private Network (VPN) service. All Converged Voice services include a fully managed integrated access device placed at the customer premises. Services can be provided via a TDM interface (T1 or DS3) or via an Ethernet interface. The Converged Voice Service bundles are described as follows:

The Voice + Internet bundle: The Customer designates the number of voice channels to be configured as described above. The remaining available bandwidth, including excess bandwidth available when all voice services are not in use, will be dynamically allocated for Internet access service.

The Voice + VPN bundle: The Customer designates the number of voice channels to be configured as described above. The remaining available bandwidth, including excess bandwidth available when all voice services are not in use, will be dynamically allocated for VPN access service.

Voice + VPN + Secure Internet Access: The Customer designates the number of voice channels to be configured as described above. The remaining available bandwidth, including excess bandwidth available when all voice services are not in use, will be dynamically allocated for VPN access service and Secure Internet Access (SIA) firewall service.

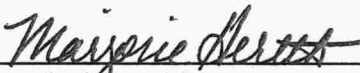
As of February 15, 2022, or as soon after that date as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission:

- The Converged Service bundles will no longer be available to new customers.
- The SIA firewall service currently included in the Voice + VPN + Secure Internet Access bundle will no longer be available as part of that bundle.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marjorie Herlth, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION** to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS;
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governors of the States listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commissions listed on the attached service list;
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or via email on the Regulatory Authority for the Tribal Nations listed on the attached service list; and
- (5) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.¹



Marjorie Herlth

January 27, 2022

¹ Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

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